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Subject: PWG process

Dear Steve,

I am forwarding the message below in response to your inquiry regarding the PWG. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Doug Wolf as indicated at the bottom of the message.

Thank you,  
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Here is your requested response from Doug Wolf who is acting as the chair of PWG.

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**Doug Wolf** 03/03/2000 05:17

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I have been requested to relay some information on the pathology working group (PWG) process. The reason for the pathology working group is to resolve any substantive differences that have arisen between the original study pathologists read of a study and the second quality assurance pathology review. These are not adversarial situations but are more similar to the process one goes through when having a colleague proofread your manuscript.

Typically the fact that a PWG is going to occur is not announced. This is not meant to be secretive but rather the PWG is just part of the process of completing a study and not an end in itself. It has been a courtesy in the past, and on frequent occasions still occurs, that the original study pathologists are invited to attend as observers. This may be appropriate in this case as a novel method for reading the thyroid was developed and implemented. It is, however unusual to have observers that are not actually looking at the slides. It is expected that only those who are directly participating in the PWG (the invited pathologists and the study pathologists) will participate in the discussions. Anyone who is there and not looking at the slides will not be expected to participate in discussions. In fact that participation will be discouraged.

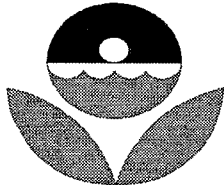
If you have any specific questions or concerns regarding the PWG and the PWG process please feel free to contact me.

Doug

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**MESSAGE:** Dear Steve,

Per my voicemail message earlier today, I am attaching a copy of the email I sent to you on Friday March 3, 2000. I received a delivery error message today, so I am not sure whether or not the email message was received properly by your server.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you,

*Catherine McCracken*